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					Hoogly Murshidbad, Bradhaman, Howrah
20.	NCT of Delhi	-	-	Shahdara, & Mehrauli Blocks	-

Additional funding for AIBP

428. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is likely to provide additional funding of Rs. 2,000 crore for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme during the current financial year and the programme is the part of the Government's seven point Bharat Nirman programme to push the development of rural India into fast gear;

(b) whether the additional fund for AIBP will be in addition to the budgetary provision of Rs. 3,580 crore during 2007-08; and

(c) whether the States will be persuaded to earmark more funds for the irrigation projects which play a crucial role in improving farm output and bridging the yield gap of crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) A budgetary provision of Rs. 3580 crores during the year, 2007-08 has been made for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme. Planning Commission have indicated a upward revision of AIBP outlays by Rs.2000 crores. AIBP meets the demands of the Bharat Nirman programme under which a major thrust on irrigation is included. Releases under AIBP are based on AIBP proposals submitted by the State Governments with adequate budget provision for works in State's budget and AIBP ceiling for the State fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Governments.

Bringing of more hectares of land under irrigation

†429. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been prepared for bringing one crore hectare of land under irrigated area in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the percentage of funds to be invested by the Central Government and State Governments respectively on the projects for implementation of this programme;

(c) whether Government have got the consent of the State Governments for investing the above proposed percentage of funds; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the State Governments who have given their consent on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Irrigation component of Bharat Nirman envisages creation of irrigation potential of one crore hectare. Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is providing assistance to the Major, Medium and ERM (Extension, Renovation and Modernization) projects in the country and surface water minor irrigation schemes in the special category States and drought prone/tribal area in the non-special category States. Grant ranging from 25% to 90% of the project cost is provided to the projects included in AIBP which is expected to give a big boost to irrigation area in the country.

(b) As per prevailing guidelines, grant amounting to 25% of the project cost of major and medium projects included in AIBP for normal category States and grants up to 90% of the project cost for major and medium project benefiting drought prone/ tribal area is provided. Eligible surface water minor irrigation schemes in special category States and schemes benefiting drought prone/tribal area in non special category States are provided 90% grant of the project cost included in AIBP. Balance cost is to be borne by the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The releases under AIBP are based on AIBP proposals submitted by the State Governments on year to year basis with adequate budget provision for works and AIBP ceiling for the State fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Governments.

Melting of glaciers in Himalayan region

430. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a study conducted by ISRO, the fast melting of glaciers in the Himalayan region is going to pose a threat to hydro projects in the northern region:

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made to the extent of impact it will have on the hydro plants; and

(c) if so, the details of parts (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Department of Space have reported that no specific studies have been carried out by Department of Space/ Indian Space Research Organisation (DOS/ISRO) in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.